

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

McINTYRE, Mike (Democrat)  
Representative, 7th District, North Carolina  
Elected 1996 to the 105th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Lumberton, North Carolina - 6 August 1956  
Home: Lumberton, North Carolina  
Marital status: Married (Dee) - 2 children  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Education: Univ of North Carolina, BA, 1978; JD, 1981  
Military: None specified  
Profession: Lawyer

Political: No previous elected office. In 1996 general election defeated Bill Caster (R) with 52.9% of the vote for the seat of retiring Rep Charlie Rose (D). Reelected in 1998 with 91%; in 2000 with 70%; and in 2002 with 71%. District redrawn in 2002.

Rep McIntyre describes himself as a moderate. Member of the centrist Blue Dog and New Democrat Coalitions. Represents agricultural interests, particularly tobacco growers, and focuses on veterans' issues and national defense policy because of the large military presence in his district. Favors term limits, a balanced budget amendment and wants to eliminate the Commerce and Energy Departments. In the 105th Congress, was courted by the Republican Party as a potential party-switcher but announced on 7Jul97 that he was committed to the Democratic Party. Expressed interest in any force structure changes at Pope AFB. Requested a briefing on the Joint Strike Fighter. In the 106th Congress, opposed the foreign ops appns bill because he believes the US has an obligation to take care of its own families first. Pleased about improvements and additions included in the milcon bill that addressed the quality of life for military personnel. Upon being named to the Subc on Military Readiness, remarked "As we enter the 21st century, we must ensure that our armed forces are prepared to defend and protect our nation's current and future security."

In the 107th Congress, supported a military pay raise higher than that recommended by President Bush. Chided Army leaders for their decision to buy uniform berets from foreign companies, noting that his district has lost thousands of jobs as a result of trade agreements and cheap labor in foreign countries. Opposed North Carolina as a site for alternative bombing ranges should Puerto Rico's Vieques range be closed. Supported the House-passed FY03 DoD auth bill, particularly the quality of life improvements he said it contained. During an August 02 visit to Afghanistan, said the US was winning the war on terrorism, but said the US must also win the peace in the region. Supported the Iraq war powers resolution because he said it ensures the US first exhausts all diplomatic efforts before committing forces and it requires the President to work with Congress to make sure US forces are in the best position possible to do their jobs.

Additional: District formerly included Pope AFB and Ft Bragg prior to redistricting for 1998 general election. Member, Army Caucus, Navy/Marine Corps Caucus, Impact Aid Coalition  
AF Bases: Ft. Fisher AFS; Pope AFB (Interest only)

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